consider employment situation arising out of cut of power due to the low water level in K. R. Sagar Dam. It was decided to give half pay and D. A. to the employees during the period of play off.

Working Class cost of living index figures.

610. The cost of living index figures for the Cities of Bangalore, Mysore and K. G. F. continued to be published each month for the information of the public.

611. The two recreational centres started by the Department in the working class areas of Bangalore, one at Cottonpet, and the other at Chamarajapet, continued in affording various labour facilities to the workers of the City. The question of starting of such recreational centres in Mysore and Davangere was under consideration.

Workmen's Compensation Act

612. There were 38 cases pending disposal in the Courts of the Commissioners for Workmen's Compensation at the beginning of the year. The number of cases filed during the year was 275 (209) of which 61 related to fatal accidents, 78 to non-fatal and 136 to memorandum of agreements. The largest number of cases, *viz.*, 125 was filed in the Court of the Commissioner of Workmen's Compensation, Kolar District, Champion Reefs. The total number of cases for disposal during the year was 313 including the cases pending at the beginning of the year.

613. The compensation amount for distribution at the end of the year was Rs. 1,20,503 including the sum of Rs. 44,657 pending distribution at the commencement of the year. The total amount distributed during the year was Rs. 46,540. In all Memorandum of Agreements and non-fatal cases where deposits in Courts are not compulsory, the injured persons were paid directly by the employers.

614. The Mining Companies in Kolar Gold Field continued to account for the largest number of cases and deposits of the amount of compensation under the Workmen's Compensation Act.

(v) Joint-Stock Companies.

615. There were 434 (452) Joint-stock companies at the close of the year, of which 400 (420) were limited by shares and 34 (32) by guarantee. Of the new companies registered, 10 were public and 17 private. Four companies were voluntarily liquidated. There were 208 companies

incorporated outside Mysore State, but with their places of business located in Mysore. The number of persons holding auditors' certificates at the end of the year was 132 (115).

616. There were at the end of the year 738 societies registered under the Societies' Registration Act.

617. Under the Mysore Insurance Act 6, six (6) companies were registered and 72 (46) renewed their registration. The number of Insurance Agents licensed during the year was 4,155 (3,301).

618. The number of firms registered under the Mysore Partnership Act during the year was 121 (120), leaving 947 (831) firms on the register at the end of the year,

619. The receipts of the Department amounted to Rs. 43,822 (Rs. 37,441) during the year.

620. The debentures issued by the Central Co-operative Land Mortgage Bank, Ltd., Bangalore, were declared as approved securities for the purposes of Section 2 (2) of the Mysore Insurance Act XXII of 1939. The Public Companies Limitation of Dividends (Emergency) Act 1948 was extended by a further period of six months. The (Indian) Capital Issues (Continuance of Control Act XXIX of 1947) was extended to Mysore by the (Indian) Capital Issues (Continuance of Control) Amendment Act 1950. The Indian Banking Companies Act X of 1949 was made applicable to Mysore by the Banking Companies Amendment Act XX of 1950. The question of the Financial Integration of the Department of the Joint-Stock Companies and Insurance wtih the Government of India was under consideration.

(vi) Posts and Telegraphs.

621. During the year, Post Offices were opened in 5 headquarter towns and in 28 villages. Eleven Branch Post Offices were authorised to perform Savings Bank work and 15 New Branch Post Offices were also authorised to perform Savings Bank work.

622. No new telegraph offices were opened and 94 telegraph offices were functioning during the year.

(vii) Akashvani Broadcasting Station.

623. The programmes of the All-India Radio, Mysore, were made attractive and interesting. Outdoor broadcasts of important functions such as the civic reception to General